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REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending. The July 1, 2004 Office Action cover sheet indicates that Claims 1-26 are being rejected, however, subsequent pages are drawn only to various species-type restriction requirements. Accordingly, the following is responsive to the substantive species-type restriction requirements and does not address a rejection of any claims. If the Examiner requires a response to any claim rejections, the Applicants respectfully request a telephone interview at the Examiner's soonest convenience to help resolve any ambiguities related to the July 1, 2004 Office Action. The Applicants' undersigned representative can be reached at (949) 721 – 2946, or the number below.

In the July 1, 2004 Office Action, the Office Action alleged a first species, Species I, corresponding to Figures 8 and 9, a second species, Species II, corresponding to Figure 13, a third species, Species III, corresponding to Figure 17, and alleged Claims 18 and 21-24 to be generic.

In an effort to progress the prosecution of the present application and without commenting on the substance of the foregoing species-type restriction requirements, the Applicants hereby elect without traverse Species I, drawn at least to Figures 8 and 9. The Applicants submit that the subject matter of Figures 8 and 9 is broadly covered by at least Claims 1-18, 21-24, and 26. Accordingly, the Applicants have withdrawn Claims 19-20 and 25 without prejudice or disclaimer. Therefore, 1-18, 21-24, and 26 remain pending for consideration.

If further issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to contact the undersigned. Also, please charge any additional fees, including any fees

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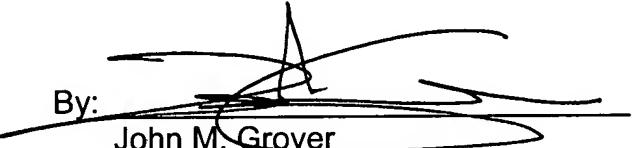
for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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